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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, MBFR, UN, SW

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF ARMS CONTROL ISSUES WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS

REF: STATE 262308

1. EMBASSY VERY MUCH APPRECIATES FULL REPORT ON SLOSS-ECKERBERG DISCUSSION OF ARMS CONTROL ISSUES OCTOBER 20. EMBASSY HAS INDICATED USG WILLINGNESS TO BRIEF SWEDES ON STATUS OF MBFR TALKS ON APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS TO SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS. MFA POLITICAL DIVISION CHIEF LEIF LEIFLAND HAS EXPRESSED GOS TANKS AND SAID HE WOULD INSTRUCT SWEDISH EMBASSY IN VIENNA TO CONTINUE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF US DELEGATION FROM TIME TO TIME. ECKERBERG HAS BEEN ASKED TO CHECK IN OCCASIONALLY WITH ACDA OFFICES INVOLVED. LEIFLAND, INCIDENTALLY, CONFIRMED THAT ECKERBERG WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON IN JANUARY TO TAKE UP NEW DUTIES AS GOS AMBASSADOR TO TANZANIA. HE WILL BE REPLACED IN WASHINGTON BY BENGT BORGLUND, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO HAS NO KNOWN EXPERIENCE IN DISARMAMENT OR ARMS CONTROL MATTERS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO INGA THORSSON'S REMAINING ON OFFICE  
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AS SWEDISH CCD REPRESENTATIVE (PARA 3, REFTTEL), IT IS

TRUE THAT FORMER PRIME MINISTER PALME DID EXPRESS  
SERIOUS DOUBTS OVER THORSSON'S STAYING ON. BUT  
WHILE PALME HAS WITHDRAWN WHATEVER OBJECTIONS HE MAY  
HAVE HAD, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESS IN  
STOCKHOLM HAS RECENTLY BRANDED HER CONTINUATION IN  
OFFICE AS A "BETRAYAL" AND A DECEIT AGAINST SOCIAL  
DEMOCRATIC TRADITION." IN A SERIES OF CRITICAL  
COMMENTS, THE SDP PAPER AFTONBLADET CLAIMS THE  
POSITION THORSSON OCCUPIES, AS AMBASSADOR AND AN  
UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, IS STRICTLY A POLITICAL  
ONE FROM WHICH SHE SHOULD HAVE RESIGNED AFTER  
ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER. THE PAPER CHOOSES TO IGNORE  
THORSSON'S ARGUMENT THAT DISARMAMENT ISSUES ARE NOT  
POLITICALLY PARTISAN MATTERS AND THE FACT LAAT SHE HAD  
BEEN ASKED BY THE NEW FALLDIN GOVERNMENT TO STAY ON THE  
JOB. THE PAPER IS ALSO SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT IN  
SINGLING OUT SOCIAL DEMOCRAT THORSSON FOR "BETRAYAL"  
BUT REFRAINING FROM COMMENTING ON THE DETERMINATION  
OF ANDERS THUNBORG, A POLITICALLY-APPOINTED UNDER  
SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE MFA AND A LIFELONG SOCIAL  
DEMOCRAT, TO ACCEPT THE POSITION OF SWEDISH  
PERMANENT DELEGATE TO THE UN BEGINNING IN JANUARY 1977.  
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